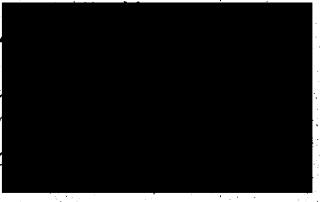
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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Cuba's Oil Refineries 'Off Limits

By Jack Anderson

Those Cuban commandes thing is supplied by the CIA, who have been striking at Castro with hit-and-run raids have received strange but strict orders

strict orders from the Central Intelligence Agency not to attack Havana's three oil refineries, which supply the fuel for the dictator's war machine. struction of the



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Texaco,

and Shell refineries would bring Castro's tanks, trucks and planes to a grinding halt.

An aide to Cuban exile leader Manuel Artime lamely explained to this column: "We don't want to damage foreign property."

Of course, the CIA will deny

A year ago, Artime complained to this column that the CIA had cut the allowance for his freedom fighters down to a token \$1000 a month.

"The Company"

He hasn't been complaining lately. He now has fast boats, plenty of arms, and pay checks for anyone willing to fight.

His aides have admitted frank-

trikes against the refineries las been felt earlier in he Cuban struggle. During he Bay of Pigs flasco, a free-Cuba plane, loaded with ombs, radioed that it was ver the Esso refinery in lavana. It requested permision to bomb it along with he nearby Texaco and Shell olants.

But CIA headquarters orlered the plane to ignore the efineries and look for a gun emplacement to bomb.

Later, Mike McLaney, an American gambler who ran a casino in Havana and stayed on for 18 months after Castro's take-over, sent the CIA a detailed plan for knockof course, the CIA will consissuing any such order or, for that matter, having anything to do with the commando raids. This satisfies mando raids. This satisfies have feels no one. under any circumstances.

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